

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims associated with this application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (amended): A portable roadway comprising:

a) a support layer having a wire mesh top surface, wherein said surface defines at least one closed gabion, and said support layer comprising a plurality of wire mesh gabions, each of said gabions having a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments being substantially full of a filler material having a density less than that of water; and

b) a traffic layer supported by said top surface, said traffic layer comprising a plurality of panels, ~~each of said panels being removably placeable onto~~ on said top surface, wherein said panels are removeable;

wherein said portable roadway has sufficient strength to support construction vehicle traffic.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein said filler material is expanded polystyrene foam.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein said filler material is encapsulated in a fabric wrapper.

Claim 30 (amended): The portable roadway of claim 29, wherein the fabric wrapper is polypropylene yarn.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein said filler material in at least one of said compartments is in the form of a single block.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein at

least one of said gabions is a mattress gabion.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein the wire mesh of at least one of said gabions is coated with polyvinylchloride.

Claim 34 (amended): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein at least one of said panels is selected from the group consisting of wood panels, ~~and metal panels~~, and a combination thereof.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The portable roadway of claim 27, wherein at least some of said panels are interlockable with each other.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A portable platform comprising:

- a) a support layer having a top surface, said support layer comprising a plurality of wire mesh gabions, each of said gabions having a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments being substantially full of a filler material having a density less than that of water; and
- b) a traffic layer supported by said top surface, said traffic layer comprising a plurality of panels, each of said panels being removably placeable onto said top surface; wherein said portable platform has sufficient strength to support construction vehicle traffic.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein said filler material is expanded polystyrene foam.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein said filler material is encapsulated in a fabric wrapper.

Claim 39 (amended): The portable platform of claim 38, wherein the fabric wrapper is polypropylene yarn.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein said filler material in at least one of said compartments is in the form of a single block.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein at least one of said gabions is a mattress gabion.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein the wire mesh of at least one of said gabions is coated with polyvinylchloride.

Claim 43 (amended): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein at least one of said panels is selected from the group consisting of wood panels, ~~and metal panels,~~ and a combination thereof.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The portable platform of claim 36, wherein at least some of said panels are interlockable with each other.

Claim 45 (amended): A method for constructing a portable roadway or a portable platform comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a plurality of multi-compartment wire mesh gabions;
 - b) providing a plurality of movable panels;
 - c) providing a filler material having a density less than that of water;
 - d) filling the compartments of at least some of said gabions to substantial fullness with said filler material;
 - e) assembling said gabions to form a support layer having a top surface; and
 - f) placing said plurality of movable panels onto said top surface to form a traffic layer so that said support layer and said traffic layer interact to form at least one selected from the group consisting of asaid portable roadway and asaid portable platform;
- wherein each of said portable roadway and each one of said portable platform have sufficient strength to support construction vehicle traffic.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The method of claim 45, further comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a fabric wrapper for said filler material;
- b) selecting at least a portion of said filler material to be expanded polystyrene foam; and
- c) encapsulating said expanded polystyrene foam within said fabric wrapper prior to placing said expanded polystyrene foam into one of said compartments.